Kuteer Jyoti Yojana in Chandigarh

4033. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuteer Jyoti Yojana has been started for the poors in Chandigarh Union Territory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of families covered thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Under the Kutir Jyoti Programme, which was launched in 1988-89 as a centrally financed scheme, the task of identifying the beneficiaries was left to the concerned State authorities/Union Territories. The Chandigarh Administration had informed that there were no eligible households in the Union Territory to be covered by the Scheme. The Kutir Jyoti Yojana was, therefore, not implemented in Chandigarh.

New Energy Policy

4034. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to announce a new energy policy shortly;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether efforts to reduce the country's dependence on imported petroleum products and to explore the alternative energy resources, have been made; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Alternative sources of energy are being used in the country to meet the fuel requirements, to some extent, for household, agriculture, industry etc. These sources have replaced the imported petroleum products and its derivatives to some extent.

Proposal to Import Newsprint From Soviet Union

4035. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import newsprint from the Soviet Union on barter basis;

(b) if so, the quantum of newsprint to be imported and the cost thereof;

(c) whether the import of newsprint would ease shortage of newsprint for newspaper industry;

(d) if so, to what extent and at what price the same is proposed to be given to the newspaper industry; and

(e) the details in this regard?